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STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Notice of Public Hearing

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The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director has received a request to consider an amendment to the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan to allow an additional \$0.01 per bushel of Michigan corn sold for the purpose of raising funds to be used by the Corn Marketing Program of Michigan for research, education and promotion of Michigan's corn industry, and allow the increased assessment to be considered at a public hearing. This request was made pursuant to the Agriculture Commodities Marketing Act 1965 PA 232 and three public hearings have been set to receive comments on the proposed program change.

The hearings are scheduled as follows:

January 10, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Otsego County Library, 700 South Otsego Avenue, Gaylord, MI 49735;

January 21, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Saginaw Valley Research and Extension Center (also known as the Bean & Beet Research Farm), 3775 S. Reese Road, Frankenmuth, MI 48734;

January 23, 2014 beginning at 1:30 p.m. at FireKeepers Casino Hotel, Meeting Room 4, I-94 Exit 104, 11177 East Michigan, Battle Creek, MI 49014.

Interested individuals who cannot attend one of the hearings may submit written testimony until 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 27, 2014. Send written comments to Bradley Deacon, Hearings Officer, Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909; e-mail at merrilld@michigan.gov or fax to 517-335-1423.

A copy of the current program can be viewed and downloaded from the internet at www.michigan.gov/mdard. Copies of the current program may also be obtained by contacting:

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Persons needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Deb Merrill at (517) 284-5730, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Date: December 11, 2013 Jamie Clover Adams, Director